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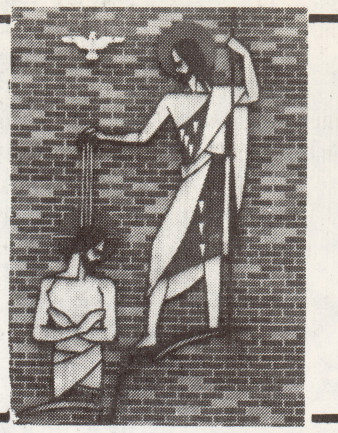

**Week 3**

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| Additional Pledges | $1,560.00 |
| Additional Received | $1,891.00 |

*faith alive* *and growing*

## From The Missionaries...

We are happy to have this opportunity to speak to you about the Parish Mission/Retreat.

First of all, we feel the Mission is off to a good start. We have been very impressed with the attendance at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist and Mission talk. The evening services have been truly a gathering in faith in His name. Three things impress both of us about the morning and evening gatherings: 1) the prayerfulness and attentiveness of everyone; 2) the number of young people attending, especially with their families; 3) the number of new faces we see each evening. If you were not able to attend this past week, we hope you will come this Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Friday. And of course, we are looking forward to seeing again those who responded so generously this past week.

As this paper goes to press, we are beginning the second phase of ~~our~~ Mission/Retreat - the Faith Sharing Sessions in the Homes. All the home sessions will be the same both the first and second week.

We would like to ask you to be sure and mark your calendars for this coming Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. This will mark the closing of our time of Mission/Retreat with a Community Celebration of Reconciliation. Even if you have received the Sacrament of Penance earlier, we hope you will come. Afterwards, we will gather in the Church Hall for further celebration and socializing. (A member of the Parish Team informs us that hot pretzels and "appropriate" liquid will aid our socializing!) We look forward to meeting all of you.

Finally, keep lifting the Parish Mission/Retreat up in your prayers, especially, by saying the Mission

## This Week's Mission Schedule

**Sat./Sun., March 19/20 - Regular schedule of weekend Masses**

Missionaries will speak at all Masses

Theme: Light & Vision - "In His Light, we see light."

**Sunday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.**

Mission Service and Talk in Church

THEME: CHURCH - The People of St. John the Baptist.

Me? Really a member of the Body of Christ?

**Monday, March 21**

10:00 a.m. Mission Mass and Talk in Church

7:30 p.m. Mission Service and Talk in Church

THEME: FAMILY - The place to be and grow together.

What does your family mean to you?

**Tuesday, March 22**

10:00 a.m. Mission Mass and Talk in Church

7:30 p.m. Mission Service and Talk in Church

**Wednesday, March 23rd - Home Sessions**

(Participants contacted by phone)

7:30 p.m. Groshans home (434-2095)
Carter home (485-8030)
Budinger home (482-6370)
Jackson home (482-8655)

**Thursday, March 24 - Home Sessions**

10:00 a.m. Richards home (434-3880)

7:30 p.m. Hughes home (482-2251)
Wideman home (434-0794)

**Friday, March 25**

7:30 p.m. **Communal Sacrament of Penance**

**All Parishioners are urged to attend this closing service.**

Socializing in parish hall after service.

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**Keep the Faith alive and growing!**

Prayer. The Lord is truly releasing the renewing power of His Spirit and pouring out His mercy and power amongst us. Prayer is always a sign that Faith is alive and growing!

Fr. John Conley, C.P.
Fr. Michael Stengel, C.P.

## Just A Word ...

*by Fr. Harvey*

I feel the Lord has truly blessed our community through the presence of Fr. Stengel and Fr. Conley, the two Passionist Mission priests. Positive comments from parishioners have been bountiful, some so moved that they have telephoned to express their enthusiasm. Thanks to all of you who have shared your time, your homes, and your services in assisting with our Parish Mission/Retreat. For those who haven't been able to attend yet, don't forget that one week remains in our Mission experience. Services will be held this Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings in church in addition to the special Mission Masses on Monday and Tuesday mornings. The climax to our Mission will take place this coming Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. A celebration of the Lord's reconciling forgiveness has been planned for that evening to be followed by a social in the church hall. In addition to the missionary priests, Fr. Burns and myself, approximately 5 other area priests will be present to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance on the closing Friday night. **All parishioners** are urged to attend this Service if you plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance **before Easter.** Sacramentally and socially, Friday evening's schedule of events will be a fitting way to conclude this special time.

In addition to the good things happening in the lives of many people, progress is also being made in the church building. The pew refinishing is coming along on schedule. The Carroll Company is doing a first class job, repairing and reinforcing every single pew in addition to the stripping, sanding, staining and varnishing. As the workmen began the tedious process of stripping the old finish and stain, it became evident that many more pews than was first realized were sadly in need of repair. All repairs will be made under the terms of the original contract.

As action progresses on the lower level, installation of the "new" organ has proceeded at good pace in the choir loft above. Mr. Mel Light, a jack of many trades in addition to being an accomplished musician, has been working rather steadily on the project. New lighting is also being installed at the moment in the loft area. As has been mentioned several times before, the cost of the organ renovation project has been provided by the estate of Mr. Harold Block given some years ago and designated for such a purpose.

Thanks to our expanded crew of parish painters, the Education Center is looking brighter all the time. We really are indebted to the faithful men and women who have given many hours now to this project.

In summary, I would say that steady progress on many fronts is the mood and the reality from 410 W. Cross in 'just a word.'

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**Bishops' Relief Collection**

Taken Palm Sunday
April 3rd
(Not 4th Sunday)
Rice Bowls collected Palm Sunday also.

## The Seder Meal

It was during this Passover meal that Our Lord broke bread and lifted the cup, commemorating the ancient covenant while proclaiming the new, thus celebrating the first Eucharist. The seder, given a Christian orientation, can express the mood and tone of true celebration; people joined around a table to share food and friendship while recalling a great moment that, in itself, is cause for joy. The Passover meal draws out the meaning of God's great mercy in delivering his people from slavery in Egypt, in offering them freedom and life as the children of God. It is an invitation to relive the Last Supper, the Seder Christ shared with His friends, and to share in the great paschal mystery of His own death and new life.

The Seder may be one of the greatest teaching devices of Judaism as it is one of the greatest of Jewish feasts. The reasons are plain. This is:

- a festival of freedom
- an expression of God's own love and compassion for His children
- a harvest feast expressing thanksgiving (the meaning of Eucharist)
- a pilgrim's festival reminding us that we are a people on the move toward a great goal, God Himself. The feast of the bread of affliction reminds us that before the joy of freedom come the anguished moments of trial and suffering, that life mingles sadness and serenity.

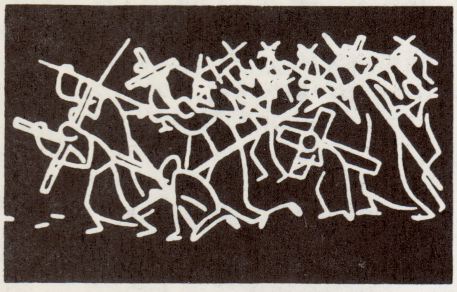
**Are you planning to attend?** The meal will be served in our church hall on Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale after Masses on the next two weekends. Cost: Adults $2.50, Children $1.00.

## Scripture Readings

**Sunday, March 20, 1977**

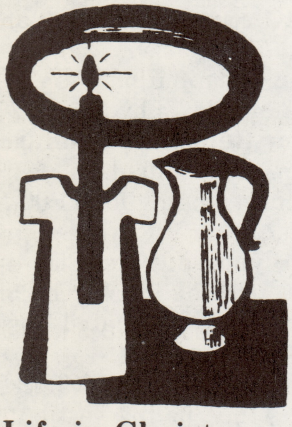
First Reading . . . . . 2 Sm. 12:7-10,13
Second Reading . . . . Gal. 2:16,19-21
Gospel . . . . . Luke 7:36-8 or 7:36-50

**Sunday, March 27, 1977**
First Reading.....Zech. 12:10-11
Second Reading ..... Gal 3:26-29
Gospel ..... Luke 9:18-24



## Holy Week Schedule

**Sunday, April 3 - Palm Sunday**
Masses Sunday Schedule
**Monday, April 4**
Mass - 7:00 a.m.
**Tuesday, April 5**
Mass - 7:00 a.m.
5:15 p.m.
**Wednesday, April 6**
Mass - 7:00 a.m.
Mass - 12:00 Noon
Paschal Meal - 6:30 p.m.
**Holy Thursday - April 7**
The Lord's Supper at 8:00 p.m.
Adoration at Altar of Repose following Liturgy until Midnight
**Good Friday - April 8**
Stations 12:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy 1:30 p.m.
Confessions 3:00-4:00 p.m.
**Holy Saturday - April 9**
Confessions 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon (No Confessions after Noon)
Solemn Easter Vigil at 9:00 p.m. (Reception following in church hall to congratulate the newly baptized and the newly confirmed.)
**Easter Sunday Masses** are at 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



## New Life in Christ

On Saturday, March 12, 1977, **Catherine Marie Van de Voorde** was baptized by Fr. James Burns at her home at 261 Steven Drive, Ypsilanti. Catherine's parents are Gregory and Peggy (Dixon) Van de Voorde, her godparents are Wayne B. Wheeler and Christine Van de Voorde.

On Sunday, March 13, 1977 the following two babies were welcomed into our Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated by Fr. James Burns during the 12:30 Mass:

**Eileen Villanueva Gumayagay,** daughter of Felix and Fely (Villanueva) Gumayagay of 1827 Manchester Dr., Ypsilanti. Eileen's godparents are Alfredo and Elverita Magat, Roger Tencio and Virginia Gumayagay.

**Jeannette Marie Oyer,** daughter of Fred and Deborah (Walsh) Oyer of 2696 Foster, Ann Arbor. Jeannette's godparents are Mike and Theresa Monette.

Welcome Catherine, Eileen and Jeannette! Congratulations parents!

## Intercessory Prayer

"Keep me, O God, for in You I take refuge;
I say to the Lord, 'My Lord are you.
Apart from you I have no good.'
How wonderfully has he made me cherish
The holy ones who are in his land."

Lord, how privileged we are to belong to your body of believers. You have blessed us with our Parish Team, your servants of your church.
We thank you, Lord, for sending us your missionary priests, Fr. Stengel and Fr. Conley. Through their teaching our hearts have been stirred and our faith alive and growing.
We thank you, Lord, for the people who have come to listen to your teaching, that through this time we may all come closer to you and make you, Lord, the center of our daily lives through fasting and prayer, that we may let go of sin and be cleansed by your living waters. May we be drawn in unity by the power of your Son, Jesus, and may our faith burst forth and accept Jesus so that we may go on with Him. Praise Jesus, may our lives be renewed in the new life given us by our heavenly Father.

"People of St. John's, I have started a new thing in your church. I am preparing your hearts for a great outpouring of my mercy and power upon you. I will excite your hearts and change your lives by releasing my renewing power of my Holy Spirit, and I will bind your sins so that all of you may be free to worship and praise me;" thus says the Lord.

Lord, we pray for the Mission Home Sessions, the discussion leaders and participants.
Lord, we pray for vocations in our diocese.
Lord, we pray for our sick, the aged, shut-ins, and the lonely.
For the Parish Improvement Drive
For all newcomers to St. John's Family
For couples making a Marriage Encounter this weekend.
"Yet, the Lord says, our hour is coming, and is already here, when authentic worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth."

May the peace of the Lord be with all of you.

PRAISE GOD
David Rocha

## Food Donations

For Food Cupboard
Taken at all Masses
Next Weekend,
March 27th
Please bring 1 can or box of food per family it can make quite an assortment.

## Bulletin Board of Events

**God's Smuggler**

"God's Smuggler" is a TV Special presented about the situation of the Suffering Church Behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains. This informative program on what's taking place there is shown on Channel 24 on March 21, Monday, 7:00 p.m. and on Channel 20 on March 25, Friday at 8:00 p.m.

**Lifespan Banquet**

Lifespan will be hosting a fund-raising banquet on Friday, April 29th at the Ann Arbor Inn. There will be a cash bar from 6:30 till 7:30, followed by a ham dinner. Tickets are $15 each or $25 per couple. To purchase tickets call 761-6480.

**Joe Wise Concert and Workshop**

Joe Wise, an internationally known liturgical composer and song leader will be in the Washtenaw County area April 2 and 3 to conduct a liturgy guitar workshop and share his joy in song at a Family Concert.

**Liturgy-guitar Workshop:**

April 2nd, Saturday, 12 Noon to 2 p.m. St. Andrew Church, Saline, Michigan
Cost: $5.00

**Family Concert:**

April 3rd, Sunday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Saline High School, 7190 Maple Rd. (4 blocks west of Saline-Ann Arbor Rd. off US 12) Cost: $1.00/Family maximum $5.00

**Becky Purses**
Can Be Ordered For
Mother's Day
After 9:00-11:00-12:30
Masses Today
Stop Down and See the Selections

Under serious consideration is the Released-Time Program. The following are concerns brought to our attention:

1. It is possible transportation will not be provided because of the unreliability of the buses.
2. There is a negative attitude of some public school principals and teachers which is unfair to the students.
3. Changes in the public school scheduling (1/2 days, free days) causes absenteeism.
4. There is not a relaxed atmosphere because lunch and class must be combined.
5. There is an annual decrease in Released-Time enrollment.

Because of these concerns, we feel a time change is necessary. If you have not received a letter and have children in the program, please pick up a card in the back of church and return immediately.

## St. Thomas Open House Planned

St. Thomas High, next year's Area High School, is having an Open House on March 27, 28, 29. There will be a chance to meet students, parents, and teachers; a chance to watch classes in progress; and view the displayed work of students; and a chance to share in an all-school liturgy.

Here is the agenda for the Open House:

**Sunday, March 27th**

9:00 -12:30 Crepe breakfast put on by language club in the cafeteria. Cost is $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for children.

10:30 -2:30 High school will be open, tours will be available, work will be on display. Teachers, parents, and students will be present.

**Monday, March 28th**

8:45 -2:30 School open for classroom visits. Work on display in library.

**Tuesday, March 29th**

8:45 -1:45 School open for classroom visits, work on display in library.

1:45 All-school Mass

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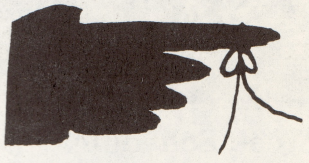
## Workshop on Battered Women

... by Erin Pizzey of Chiswick, England's Women's Aid on **Saturday, March 26, 1977** from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. School of Education - Schorling Auditorium, 610 S. University, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Open to the Public and there is **No Charge.**



## Reminders

... The **Education Center is still being painted on Saturdays.** More painters would be appreciated. Call Tom Wilmoth at 481-1343 if you can help finish this project.

... **Nominations are in progress** for Outstanding Woman of the Year in the 10 counties of the Lansing Diocese. Any parish woman may make a nomination. Call Mil Kerner at 482-9674 by March 27th.

... **Choir Rehearsal in church** at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Anyone interested in singing for 11:00 Mass is welcome.

... **Save your papers.** Pick-up for St. John's parking lot March 25th to 27th. Project is initiated for the School Bus Fund.

... **Lost Something?** Check the table in the main vestibule of church.

... **Good reading material to be found** in the racks in the main vestibule which contain varied and worthwhile reading.

... **Let us know if you are interested in adding any intention to the Intercessory Prayer each week.** Call the Secretary at 483-3360 by Tuesday.

... **Spring Flea Market items will be needed ... will you make a slip of your plant to help in the plant room? Will you knit, macrame, crochet, do any of your special handicraft for the market??? We are just asking for one item of handmade goods and there is plenty of time to do something before the end of May. This project is an annual project of the St. Vincent de Paul Committee and we appreciate**

**your thinking about us when spring cleaning needs to be done.** Begin saving your items now.

## Help Wanted

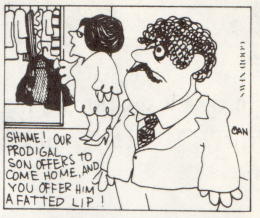
**Short hours, financial rewards, none; personal gratification, tremendous. Assignment, sell Tootsie Rolls to benefit retarded children.**

On April 1, 2, and 3, the Alfred E. Walters Council of the Knights of Columbus will participate in their second annual sale of Tootsie Rolls for the benefit of retarded children. Last year, this endeavor yielded in excess of $2,000.00 locally, and $324,000 statewide, 100% of which was turned over to assist mentally retarded children in this area and statewide.

Our biggest need is manpower. Even if you are not a Knight, but would like to help in this worthwhile cause, please contact one of the Knights listed below.

Vito Calianno ..... 483-1691
Harry Knowlton ..... 434-1908
Dan Paffell
Pete Parin ..... 483-1304
Pat Walters ..... 434-0102

The only requirement is a generous heart, and the desire to help an unfortunate child.




**FOURTH SUNDAY LENT: 20 MARCH 1977**
It's always easier to admire than imitate
the generosity of God,
easier to be on the receiving end
of forgiveness and love.
Let's not evade the issue. God is looking for givers!

## Mass Schedule

**MONDAY, March 21 - Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Frances Veigel, req. by Sr. Citizens
10:00 a.m. Agnes Thorp, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Besore
2:30 p.m. Ralph Haug, req. by Imelda Haug (at Parkview Nursing Home)

**TUESDAY, March 22 - Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Joseph Kreskai, Sr., month anniv., req. by Mary Ellen Palmer
10:00 a.m. Elsie Paffel, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Meier
5:15 p.m. Vincent Southwell, req. by Mary & Jim Hess

**WEDNESDAY, March 23 - Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Craig S. Bernard, req. by Ray & Dorothy Carpenter
12:00 Noon Tom Sullivan, req. by Mary Sullivan

**THURSDAY, March 24 - Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Lewis Vivian, birthday remembrance, req. by his wife
9:00 a.m. Charles Parsons, req. by Ethel O'Connor & Gertrude Murray

**FRIDAY, March 25 - Annunciation of the Lord**
7:00 a.m. Janet Schrepper, req. by her mother
10:00 a.m. Margaret E. Benner, req. by The Glenn Seaver Family

**SATURDAY, March 26 - Weekday**
9:00 a.m. Claudia Lucas, 1st. Anniv., req. by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Weiss & family
5:00 p.m. Oliver Pinsoneault, req. by Dorothy Pinsoneault

**SUNDAY, March 27**
7:00 a.m. William Kenneth Hawes, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jay Wagner
9:00 a.m. Deceased of the William F. Post Family, req. by Roy & Helen Hronek
11:00 a.m. Frances Veigel, req. by her friend Mary Catherine
12:30 p.m. For the parishioners

## Wedding Banns

II - Jeffrey Teichman and Diana Sprague

## Financial Barometer

**March 13, 1977**
Sunday Offering ..... $3,599.21
Home Missions
(Additional) ..... 35.00
Parish Improvement ..... $1,891.00

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**PHONES**

Rectory ..... 483-3360
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Mrs. Marilee Pilkington ..... 434-2841
Worship: Mr. John Thomas ..... 482-7900

**LITURGY**

SATURDAY EVENING: ..... 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: ..... 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
HOLYDAY: ..... 7:00 and 9:00 a.m., 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
DAILY: ..... 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday ...2:30 Parkview Home Monday ...5:15 p.m. Tuesday ...9:00 a.m. Wednesday & Saturday

**BAPTISMS:** 12:30 Mass on second Sunday of each month, after Parents/Expectant Parents have completed Baptismal Catechesis. Please pre-register 3 weeks in advance.
**WEDDINGS:** Notify rectory 2 to 3 months in advance for adequate preparation.
**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday ... 3:30-4:30 ... Anytime by appointment.
**COMMUNAL PENANCE** ..... As Announced
**MARIAN DEVOTIONS** ..... Tuesday 6:45 p.m.
**REGISTRATION:** New parishioner - please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us if moving from the parish.
**COMMUNION CALLS:** The sick and shut-ins who wish to have Communion brought to them may call the rectory or convent and request it.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

PRE-SCHOOL: ..... 9:00 a.m. Sunday
ELEMENTARY: ..... Wednesday Released Time and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
JUNIOR HIGH: ..... Tuesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
SENIOR HIGH: ..... Released Time a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
SPECIAL EDUCATION: ..... Arrangements made.
ADULT: ..... As announced

**PARISH SERVICES**

BABYSITTING: ..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS: ..... After 9:00 and 11:00 Masses except July & August
BINGO: ..... Wednesday 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. - Open 6:30

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Members of the parish team would be happy to join you and your family at dinner. Please feel free to extend your invitation directly to the person you would like to invite.

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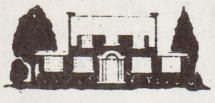

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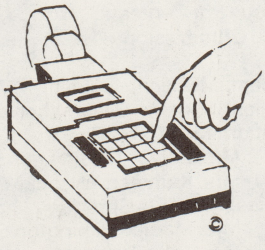

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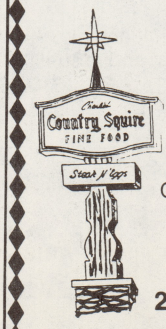


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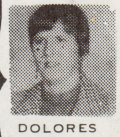

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